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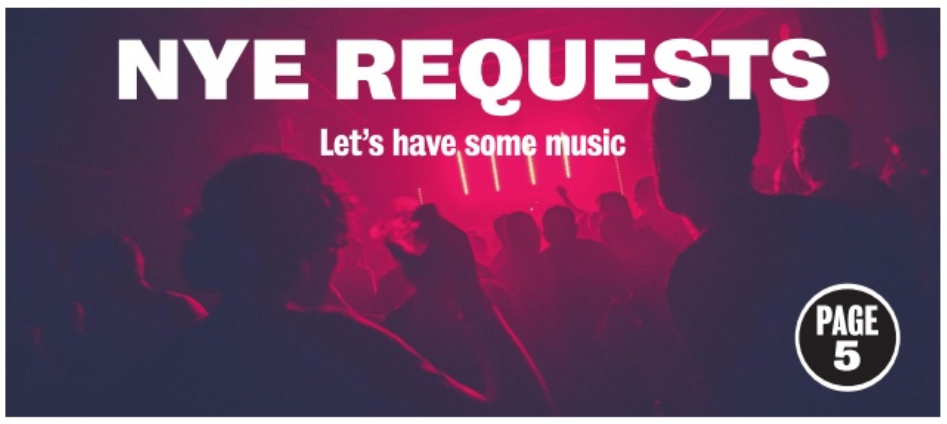

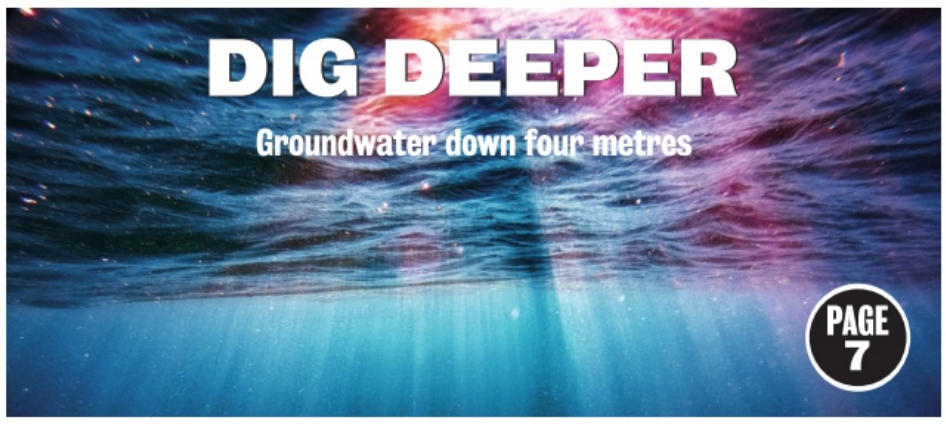

Citizens of residential layout in north Bengaluru have been negotiating waterlogged streets for over a year now

STILL LIFE AQUATIC

Layout in the vicinity of Tharabanahalli Lake

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The inhabitants of Utopia Lakeview Layout in north Bengaluru told BM that the roads inside the layout are still flooded — water gushes inside homes at the slightest of rainfalls.

The layout is located in the vicinity of Tharabanahalli Lake. According to local residents, waterlogging began after the lake was rejuvenated by the neighbouring gram panchayat office under a CSR initiative.

"It has been over a year that the road adjacent to the lake has been submerged in water. Flooding began after the waterbody was rejuvenated in 2020 whereby the lake was desilted, and mud was used to make a bund approximately 40 ft high. The weir started blocking the flow of water back into the lake soon after

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"Even a rainfall of low intensity increases water level... water reaches electric junction boxes posing serious threats
— Kamalika Nandi, resident

Lessons for Future

Engg students to learn rainwater harvesting to sustainability and earn points

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Engineering students of Visvesvaraya Technological University (VTU) have new tasks at hand during weekends. Students can now take up creating awareness on rainwater harvesting or develop sustainable water management systems. Well, doing these activities can earn them points as well.

VTU has listed out activity programmes (non-credit) which can be taken up by students during their semester weekends and holidays. Participating in these programmes can earn 20 points to a student. There are a host of activities lined up for the students including helping local schools to achieve good results, reduction in energy consumption, developing and managing efficient garbage disposal systems, food preservation and packaging and contribution to any national level initiative.

In case you are wondering why VTU is prescribing these 'social activities' to students who have a lot of study: "Apart from technical knowledge and skills, students should have excellent soft skills, leadership qualities and team spirit to transform as successful professionals. They should have entrepreneurial capabilities and societal commitment. In order to match these multifarious requirements, AICTE has created a unique mechanism of awarding activity points over and above the academic grades.

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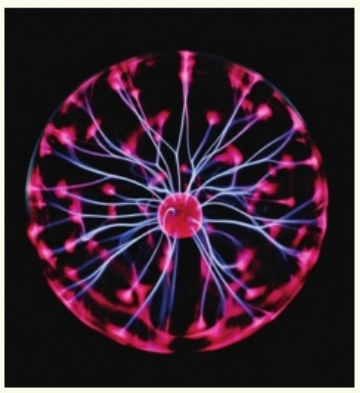
3 THINGS TO DO

01 A new place to shop from

Visit the launch of an exclusive store, Kaveri in Bengaluru. With the finest collection of linen fabrics, the inclusive label specialises in making garments for women of all sizes, ages and life contexts. With the idea to keep it easy-to-wear, the brand is about slow fashion, something you would like to touch and wear. **Where: RainTree When: Wednesday, December 21**

02 For only science



Grab a chance to visit a forty-minute audio-visual programme, which will describe Darwin's journey to Galapagos Islands. The programme would also focus on the popular book of his 'On the Origin of Species by means of Natural Selection'. There's more scientific theories like black holes, neutron stars, and supernovae to be explored here.
Where: Jawaharlal Nehru Planetarium
When: Wednesday, December 21 – January 31; English shot: 10:30am, Kannada shot: 11:30am

03 Family entertainer

The popular circus is back in the city. Rambo Circus with new acts and entertainment ideas is bringing award winning artists to perform. If you are one of those who have been eagerly waiting to visit the circus then your time has come. Watch acts like ladder balance, aerial acts, clowns, German wheel and more.
Where: St. John's Auditorium
When: Saturday, December 24 to January 1

Pray, where art thou?

Artists come together and apprise state government of need to restore dilapidated Venkatappa Art Gallery; send 200 postcards to Chief Minister

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The Venkatappa Art Gallery (VAG) situated next to the Bangalore Museum attracts many artists and art lovers from all across Karnataka. However, it has been crying for help as the art gallery has been in a pathetic state.

Bangalore Mirror had reported earlier on the dilapidated condition of the art gallery. So far nothing has changed. The audience who are coming to watch the shows have written postcards and will submit them to the Chief Minister Basvaraj Bommai, to develop and save the age-old art gallery on a priority basis.

Paramesh Jolad, an artist, did a five-day performance to highlight the dire state of the VAG. While most of the galleries have many spotlights for the artists to perform and the viewers to get a good view of the performing artists, the VAG does not have even one spotlight. Until September, one spotlight was working and the artists used to manage it and carry out performances. However, in December the last working spotlight also stopped working. "Having a spotlight is a basic requirement of a gallery and we do not even have that. I exhibited lanterns during my show to highlight the importance of lights. It is a pity that we artists have to struggle like this and perform in such worst conditions," said Jolad.

Bangalore Mirror
Space for artists, cultural exchange, Venkatappa Art Gallery left in state of neglect; citizens, artists demand proper maintenance
STATE OF THE ART GALLERY
Citizens' forum raising voice on social media to save facility

BM had reported about the gallery lying in a deplorable condition. It has been left in a state of neglect

"All the paintings on the walls have become dull. The walls are dampened and there are many cracks in the building. The lift hasn't been working. The government has completely neglected the VAG," he added.

When audiences came to watch Jolad's performance, they also saw the sad state of the gallery and wrote postcards. Over 200 postcards have been written that will be given to CM Bommai shortly. "Preservation of art and culture is a huge responsibility. The VAG is a sign of great neglect. Development is a noble pursuit, but art is what gives meaning to life. I urge the CM of Karnataka to dedicate resources to save the gallery," wrote Sandhya, a viewer.

There are many cracks in the walls of age-old art gallery. Artist had to exhibit lanterns during his show to highlight the importance of lights as there's no working spotlight for artists to use

"I used my mobile phone torch to see the art works. The government should look at this
– A vistor at the gallery

Another viewer told BM that when they visited the art gallery there was no light.

"I used my mobile phone torch to see the art pieces. Being an art lover, I request the state government to save the art of Karnataka by providing proper infrastructure and development to the gallery," they said.

Jolad even stiched an 8 feet shirt to represent K Venkatappa.

Sustainability lessons at VTU

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Each student should earn 100 points (and 75 points for lateral entry students) for the award of degree through AICTE activity point programme. These activity points would reflect in the student's eighth semester grade card. The activities can be spread over the years anytime during semester weekends and holidays. In case of students failing to earn the prescribed activity points, eighth semester grade cards will be issued only after earning the required points," a senior VTU official said.

An AICTE official said, "The rise in global competition has prompted organisations to devise strategies to have a talented and innovative workforce to gain a competitive edge. Internships are educational and career development opportunities, providing practical experience in a field or discipline. They are structured, short-term, supervised placements often focused around particular tasks or projects with defined timescales. An internship may be compensated, non-compensated or some time may be paid. The internship has to be meaningful and mutually beneficial to the intern and the organisation. It is important that the objectives and the activities of the internship programme are clearly defined and understood. These activities will expose technical students to the societal environment, which cannot be simulated in the classroom and hence creating competent professionals for the industry. These activities will also provide possible opportunities to learn, understand and sharpen the real-time managerial skills required at the job. This will also create conditions conducive to the quest for knowledge and its applicability on the job."

Bills on Special Investment Regions tabled in Assembly

The Karnataka government on Tuesday tabled a Bill in the legislative Assembly aimed at creating and operating large investment regions of the State to attract investments.

The 'Karnataka Special Investment Region Bill' tabled by the Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister J C Madhuswamy is focused towards "establish, operate, regulate and manage large or mega or super mega-size investment regions and industrial areas or clusters in the State."

With this, Karnataka aims to "retain its position as a global manufacturing hub, specially enabling economic activity supported by world-class infrastructure, premium civic amenities, centres of excellence and proactive policy framework and for setting up an organisational structure."

The Bill further proposes that the government can declare an existing or upcoming industrial area as 'Special Investment Region', and states that the Karnataka Industrial Area Development Board (KIADB) will be the Special Investment Region Apex Authority.

Another Bill tabled was the Karnataka Land Revenue (Second Amendment) Bill, which allows diversion of agricultural land for non-agricultural purposes within seven days. **– PTI**

Nabbed after being on the run for 15 yrs

Murder accused had taken on new name and profession to escape police

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A wanted criminal who is said to have been on the run for 15 years was arrested by the Madiwala police on Tuesday. The accused has been identified as 45-year-old Suhail alias Mohammad Ayaz.

According to the police, the accused had changed his name and was working as an Ayurvedic doctor to mislead the police.

Suhail and Shankar, residents of Mangammanapalya, had ambushed Tamil Nadu lorry driver Sebastian near Kudlu Gate in 2002 and killed him. Following that, the trial court had sentenced the accused to life imprisonment in 2004.

Suhail, who was in jail for three years, came out on parole on March 28, 2007, and never returned to jail since. Shankar too came out of jail and never went back.

A case was registered at the Madiwala police station in 2014 based on the complaint given by the jail authorities about Suhail and Shankar not returning to jail. Police searched many districts including Hassan and Mandya for many years to find the two, but did not succeed.

Recently, a team led by Inspector S Paul Priyakumar, started investigating the case again when they received information that Shankar had died in 2017.

When the details of the case of Shankar's death were examined thoroughly, an address named Sagar Enterprises was found along with a bill addressed to Mohammad Ayaz.

Based on the bill, Ayaz was arrested and questioned. After the preliminary investigation it was found that Suhail was disguised as Ayaz. "The accused has been sent to judicial custody. We also found out that there are cases related to him in Jayanagar police station and Seshadripura police station regarding extortion," said the police.

Double murder: 3 arrested

Three people have been arrested in the case of double murder that took place in the Koramangala police station limits where a security guard and a servant were murdered on December 17.

The main accused of the case, Jagadish, was working as a car driver in the house where the victims used to work for the past one year and has been living in the house, so he had conspired to commit theft after having observed the house, police said. Police said that later Jagdish was fired from his job and he felt humiliated by it, which is when he hatched the theft plan with two of his associates.

On the night of December 17, the three accused cut the CCTV wire and murdered the guard and a servant. The police also said that the accused stole Rs 5 lakh and valuables from the house.

Narcotics worth over Rs 2 crore seized

DJ Halli police have seized drugs 6 kg charas worth Rs 2.10 crore and 1.1 kg MDMA worth Rs 60 lakh in separate cases. The police have also arrested four accused involved in drug peddling. In one of the cases a 26-year-old man who used to buy drugs from Nepal and sell it in Bengaluru, was caught. He was taken into custody and about Rs.1,39,50,000 were recovered from him.

"The accused was interrogated and it was found that he along with others bought drugs from Nepal and kept them in chocolate wrappers and then sold them to students of schools and colleges of the city and software companies' employees," said the police. In another case, the DJ Halli Police conducted a raid near Shampura Main Road and arrested an accused who used to buy and sell narcotics from another person from Kerala. The police recovered about Rs 70,00,000 from him.

CRIME FILES

Man, who was in jail for three years, came out on parole on March 28, 2007, and never returned to jail since

4 suicides, 3 from same family, in city

Three members of the same family are said to have died by suicide on Monday night near the Anjaneya temple in Mahalakshmi Layout police station limits. According to the police, the mother along with her son and daughter died by suicide.

The victims have been identified as Yashodha, 72, her daughter Suman Gupta and son Naresh Gupta. According to the police, the three lived together and the two children were unmarried. "On Monday night, the three were not answering the phones when relatives tried to reach them. So, they went to the house and checked and it came to light that they had died," said the police. The police added that the suicide was due to financial problems.

Unable to study abroad, student kills self

An 18-year-old student is said to have died by suicide because he was unable to study abroad. The student, Aditya Sankanna, hails from Hubballi. Aditya could not score enough marks to study abroad so reluctantly was doing a diploma in computer science. This led to depression in him, police said. According to the police he has written in his death note: "I have lost hope in life." The incident took place in Thotada Guddadhalli Village of Bengaluru north.

Woman poisons daughter, tries to kill self

In a shocking incident, a woman poisoned her daughter and then tried to commit suicide, in Prasanna layout, Sunkadakatte on Tuesday. According to the police, the accused, Suma, had a daughter with physical disability and Suma was unable to work because of her daughter.

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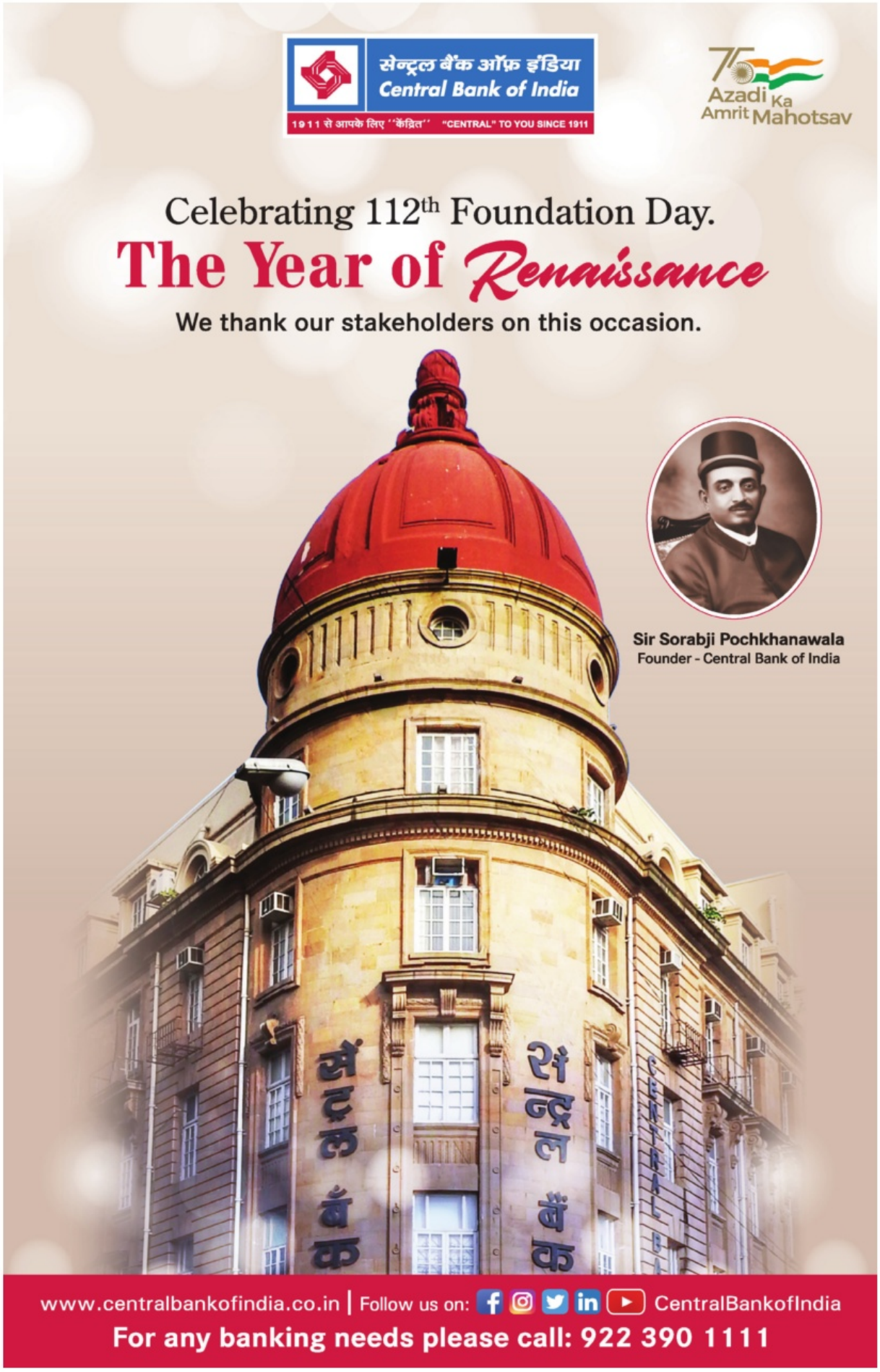
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BBMP in trouble over private encroachment

AAP Karnataka spokesperson lodges complaint with Karnataka Lokayukta against BBMP for 'turning blind eye' to encroachment of marginal land

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A complaint has been lodged with the Karnataka Lokayukta on Monday against the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) South Zonal Commissioners and five others. This is regarding the Palike not taking measures against 48 private property owners who allegedly encroached upon marginal land meant for the pathways and planting saplings.

Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) Karnataka spokesperson K Mathai filed the complaint seeking a thorough inquiry into the alleged allotment or encroachment of the land meant for public purposes.

"48 property owners have encroached upon the marginal land in front of their properties. The 15-feet-wide land was meant for planting saplings, for a pathway, and to facilitate widening of the existing road in the future. There isn't enough space for parking vehicles around the BBMP South Zonal Office due to the encroachment of the marginal land," Mathai said in the complaint.

It may be recalled that the State Urban Development Principal Secretary wrote a letter to the Bangalore Mahanagara Palike (BMP) on November 29, 2005 stating that the vacant space in front of the buildings on 8th and 10th Cross in Jayanagar 2nd Block should be reserved for planting saplings and pathways.

"The vacant space may be required for widening the existing road in future. So, any applications or requests for allotment of that land should be rejected and cancelled if any were already made," Under Secretary of Urban Development Department G Ranganath said in the letter. The BMP Council also passed a resolution rejecting applications for allotment of the marginal land. The then mayor, Mumtaz Begum, presided over the BMP Council meeting held in 2006.

The land encroached by private property owners was meant for the construction of public pathways and for planting saplings

> "48 land properties have encroached upon the marginal land in front of their plots. The land was meant for planting saplings
> – K Mathai, AAP spokesperson

Mathai complained to the BBMP Chief Commissioner on December 16 stating that residents of Jayanagar had informed the BBMP Zonal Commissioner and engineering department about the encroachment of the marginal land but no action was taken by the civic body. "I expected the BBMP authorities to clear the encroachment of the marginal land, but nothing happened till date. This is why I lodged a complaint with the Karnataka Lokayukta seeking a thorough probe and measures to clear the encroachments," he added.

Bangalore Mirror published a story – Footpath, what's that? – on November 4 speaking about how pedestrians have been denied the 'right of way' as builders, cafes, and even private citizens encroach upon sidewalks across the city.

Demolition drive slows down

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The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) had taken up the removal of encroachments all along rajakaluves after the deluge in the city this monsoon. They have now halted the same, but officials have said that they will resume work soon. There were a total of 2,671 encroachments that were identified along the rajakaluves since 2015-16. So far, only 2,073 have been cleared and 595 are yet to be removed. 595, 67 cases are pending with various courts. For now, the Palike is planning to remove encroachments at 470 points on rajakaluves.

Following a meeting on Tuesday, BBMP Chief Commissioner Tushar Giri Nath asked officials to speed up the clearing of the rajakaluves. "There is a need for coordinated efforts from BBMP officials, tahsildars and surveyors. We have given directions to tahsildars to issue notices to the encroachers, hear their side of the story, and then take necessary action. There is a need to remove all the encroachments to ensure smooth flow of water into rajakaluves. There is a need to call for tenders under different packages across the various zones." It may be noted that during the rain-induced deluge in the city this year, it was found that rajakaluves were either blocked, encroached, or narrowed down. This had resulted in flooding when there was huge inflow of water from overflowing lakes.

BBMP carrying out demolition of a building (File photo); the civic body is planning to remove 470 encroachments on rajakaluves

Transgender inclusion in electoral list

Meanwhile, the BBMP is planning to enroll transgender persons and specially-abled voters into the electoral rolls. According to the civic body's estimates, there are 9,128 transgender persons in the city. The EPIC cards have been distributed to 9,085 trans people, and around 15 of them have applied for the cards. The agency is still in the process of identifying 82 trans persons and enrolling them in the electoral list.

Officials said that they were finding technical difficulties while enrolling trans people as a few of them were not able to provide residential addresses and birth dates. Hence, on Tuesday, it was decided to have a coordination meeting under the chairmanship of jurisdictional joint commissioners.

'Green' tech to remove air filter germs

A newly developed air filtering technique that uses ingredients commonly found in green tea can deactivate germs that find refuge inside air filters, the Ministry of Science and Technology said in an official statement. A research team led by Prof Suryasarathi Bose and Prof Kaushik Chatterjee at Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bangalore, has developed a germ-destroying air filter that can inactivate germs using ingredients like polyphenols and polycationic polymers commonly found in green tea.

The 'green' ingredients rupture the microbes through site-specific binding. With prolonged use, air filters become a breeding ground for captured germs. The growth of these germs clog the pores of the filter, reducing their life. Resuspension of these germs can infect people in the vicinity, the statement said. The novel antimicrobial air filters were tested at an NABL accredited lab and were found to be 99.24 per cent effective against SARS- – PTI

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Cops block footpath

Commissariat Road

This footpath in Commissariat Road has been blocked by vehicles seized by Ashok Nagar police station.

Not the place

Basavanagudi

A proposed Namma clinic is being opened right next to a garbage dump in Basavanagudi.

Public safety risk

Jayanagar

Vehicles are parked on the pavement in 10th Main and 33rd Cross intersection, 4th Block, Jayanagar. Pedestrians are forced to walk on the road.

Let's have some music

Hospitality industry urges concessions for post-covid NYE bash such as allowing music till 2 am

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The last two years have been hard on everyone due to the pandemic. New Year's Eve and Christmas celebrations were hard hit. Now, as things go back to normal again, people are waiting to celebrate NYE with a bang – especially the hotel industry.

In an interaction with Bangalore Mirror, hoteliers said that this year, NYE bookings have surpassed pre-pandemic levels, signalling that Bengalureans are planning to live it up on 31st night. However, they want the authorities to provide clarity on various rules as they need to start prepping well in advance. With no official announcement by the state government on the restrictions and relaxation for NYE yet, pub owners are demanding for guidelines to be rolled out a week ahead of NYE.

One of their key demands is for the government to keep pubs, bars, and hotels open until 2 am with music allowed.

Ajish Menon, Executive Assistant Manager – Food & Beverage, The Merak Brewhouse (JW Marriott), said, "The parties are going to get big this year. As there have been many restrictions in the past two years, this year we want pubs to be open until 2 am. Importantly, music should be allowed late at night."

Sagar Kulkarni, Director of Food and Beverage, Jeff's at Hotel Royal Orchid Bangalore, drew parallels to how relaxations were made during the FIFA World 2022 semi-finals for hotels to function until 3:30 am. "Eateries were allowed to be open until 3:30 am and screen the matches, pubs and bars should be allowed to function until 2 am on NYE. The government should also not have any time restrictions on music, wherein they give permission to only play music indoors for a longer time and outdoor music to be stopped at a particular time. This will only spoil the party. It is only when music is there that people like to party," said Kulkarni.

Inset from left: Sagar Kulkarni, Abhay Kewadkar & Ajish Menon participating in an interaction with Bangalore Mirror as the city gears up to welcome the NYE

Safety Measures

- This time, hotels want to ensure the security of women with absolute priority.
- Many hotels are hiring women bouncers, making separate entrances for women, and so on. There are plans to install additional CCTV cameras as well.
- The staff will also be well trained to handle the crowd if any mishap occurs.
- Those who are found to be misbehaving will be asked to leave.
- Security checks will be carried out at the entrance.
- Narcotics, liquor from outside, and loose cigarette packets will not be allowed.

Single window agency needed

The pub owners also feel that the state government generally releases guidelines just a day or two ahead of the night, which makes it difficult for them to plan well. "If the guidelines are released well in advance, it will benefit the hotel industry and the people. Many people can decide where they want to go and hotels can plan something big as per people's choices. Many times, the circulars of the state government and excise department hold different points, which is a confusion for us. There should be one official statutory body of the government providing information to the hotels," said Abhay Kewadkar, Owner and Managing Director, Fox in the Field.

Minimise road blocks

Kewadkar also stressed that there should not be many roadblocks on NYE. If the people know which routes will be blocked in advance, they can plan out their travel easily. Many roads are just blocked and people keep going in circles to find alternative routes, which causes huge problems, he explained. For the hotels in the central business district (CBD), they even face losses as those spaces are blocked off completely, he said, adding that people think it would be a task to go around there, so they decide to just stay home. He also said that the order of traffic routes should be released a week early.

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Could we party a bit longer this NYE?
Eateries, pubs urge timing extension favour shown to football aficionados be given to New Year revellers too

BM had reported on Dec 15 that hotel associations had urged authorities to allow them to stay open for longer this NYE

Need for public transport

Most of the pubs and hotels have decided not to allow parking during NYE. "This is an initiative for the safe commute of people. People who are drunk still drive back home, which will be unsafe. Hence, we are encouraging people to book cabs or opt for public transport. BMTC buses and metros should be allowed to ply during NYE until late hours," said Menon.

(With inputs from Sahana Sridhar and Soumya)

Freedom Park parking tender: 6th time lucky?

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After failing to attract bidders five times before, the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has floated tenders for the parking facility at Freedom Park for the sixth time. This time around, the term for maintaining the facility has been raised to 10 years.

The BBMP has so far failed to get moving on the 1,000-capacity multi-level parking facility worth Rs 80 crore despite all efforts for the past 13 months after completion. Last date for submission of proposals for the tender this time is December 29.

A BBMP official told BM, "In the previous tender, we had called for maintaining the place for a term of five years and now, we have increased it to 10 years. We are giving management of the parking facility on a revenue-sharing basis. With no response for earlier tenders, we have increased the term to 10 years as per the request of interested bidders. The issue was brought to our attention in the last pre-bid meeting."

Freedom Park was selected to be a designated spot for protestors and due to the delay in operationalizing the parking facility, protesters continue to park on the roads. This adds to the traffic congestion in the nearby areas. The three-floor parking space is equipped to handle 550 cars and 450 two-wheelers. Previously, BBMP had mentioned that service fees won't be collected from protestors.

As per the tender document, the bidder will be required to perform services for the parking of the vehicle, collection of prescribed and displayed parking fees, management of traffic within the parking area, and arrangement of security personnel round-the-clock for security purposes of publics/users and vehicles. They also need to ensure that no illegal activities should be allowed by controlling the entry and exit of the vehicles after a thorough check.

For any such activity or lapse found during the contract period, the contracting agency will bear the sole responsibility and BBMP will not have any say in the court of law. The contracting agency is fully responsible for any damages, losses etc. of the parked vehicles and BBMP will not be held responsible.

The parking area should be kept open 24x7 with proper security personnel. The tenderer should also note the Performance Security deposit amount and quote the Annual Charges payable to BBMP above/more than the minimum charges fixed as per terms.

> **"We had increased the term for maintaining the place to a period of 10 years from the previous five years** — BBMP official

Added attractions

In May 2022, BBMP shifted to a revenue-sharing model from a fixed price model on failure to attract bidders. A portion of the parking fees will be collected by BBMP and a portion will go as a service fee for the management agency.

To make the parking facility more attractive, there was also a proposal to introduce paid parking on 12 roads near the parking facility.

As per the proposal, paid parking was to be set up at Kalidasa Road, Freedom Park entrance, Ramachandra Road, 2nd to 5th Main Road, all roads in 2nd Cross to 6th Cross and Subedar Chatram Road.

The three-floor parking space at Freedom Park is supposed to be equipped to accommodate 550 cars and 450 two-wheelers

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The University Grants Commission (UGC) recently announced that students across the country will be able to graduate in their mother tongue now. For this purpose, preparations have begun to make course books available in 12 languages including Kannada, Malayalam, Marathi, Odia, Bengali, Gujarati, Tamil, and Telugu, among others.

The UGC, under an initiative by the Union Ministry of Education, is engaging with publishers to translate English textbooks into various Indian languages.

Universities and colleges in Bengaluru have no exclusive Kannada-medium courses for BA, BSc, or BCom students.

However, students are given the option to choose whether they want to attempt the question paper in Kannada or English.

"In Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, and Bihar there are already many courses being taught officially in Hindi. Students are even opting for technical and medical courses in Hindi. Here, however, there are almost no official courses in Kannada medium. A few engineering colleges had introduced Kannada-medium courses and textbooks, but the turnout hasn't been so great. In Karnataka, there is a wrong notion that there isn't enough terminology, especially for the science courses. If there were enough textbooks in Kannada, that notion would not be there," said Prof Shrinivas S Balli, Founder-Vice Chancellor, Nrupathunga University.

The universities also said that there is a discussion going on with the higher authorities to allow students to attempt the question papers in mixed medium (both Kannada and English).

> **In Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, and Bihar, there are already many courses being taught in Hindi** – Shrinivas Balli, Nrupathunga University

"In Karnataka, the language for official use is English, but still in many colleges, especially public universities and government colleges, the courses are unofficially being taught in Kannada.

This is because the faculty is also not so well-versed in English and the quality of English being used in the colleges is also bad. At this point, some students who come from rural areas have become scared of the English language.

So, in the best interest of these students it is being discussed to let them answer the same paper in mixed languages," explained Prof Niranjan Vanalli, Vice Chancellor, Bangalore North University.

Vanalli added that even the quality of Kannada being used by the students has deteriorated due to the lack of formal textbooks and structure in colleges.

"A few decades ago, if there were 20 students in a class, 18 would attempt the paper in English and the rest in Kannada. Now the situation has reversed.

18 out of 20 students are choosing to answer in Kannada, but even the Kannada is of bad quality. It will benefit the students if the textbooks are introduced in their mother tongue," he added.

As the UGC is planning to promote higher education courses in mother tongues, it is expected that courses will be introduced exclusively in the Kannada language in the coming future.

"Currently, the courses are being taught in both English and Kannada, but there is no exclusive course in Kannada medium. Textbooks are also available in Kannada only for the language courses," said Lingaraja Gandhi, Vice Chancellor, Bangalore City University.

Water table warning bells

Groundwater levels down by over four metres in parts of city in November compared to last

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Groundwater levels in Bengaluru East taluk have registered a significant drop compared to the levels in November last year. According to the recent groundwater level fluctuation report by Groundwater Directorate Bangalore, the taluk's groundwater levels have receded by more than four metres below the ground level this November.

Nine out of 227 taluks in Karnataka recorded a drop in groundwater levels by more than four metres, including Bengaluru east. The other eight taluks are from Dakshina Kannada, Koppala, Belagavi, Kalburgi and Bidar districts.

Lack of Cauvery water supply in some areas, a booming construction industry, and unchecked extraction of borewell water are some of the reasons cited behind this drop.

"Most of the construction activities that were put on hold during the pandemic are back in full swing now. Bengaluru East taluk is one of the construction hubs of Bengaluru. Moreover, there is no Cauvery water supply in the area, leading to hundreds of tankers drawing borewell water for households and apartment complexes. Such activities are bound to bring down the water table," said Dr BC Nagaraja, professor and head, Department of Environment Science, Bangalore University.

Experts say the plummeting groundwater table in the city despite unusually high rainfall this monsoon is puzzling. According to Dr TV Ramachandra, Center for Ecological Sciences, IISc, withdrawing water well above the capacity of rainfall to recharge the aquifers can be yet another reason behind this drop.

Moreover, rapid urbanisation leading to a multifold increase in impervious surfaces and a poor state of water bodies further lead to plummeting water tables.

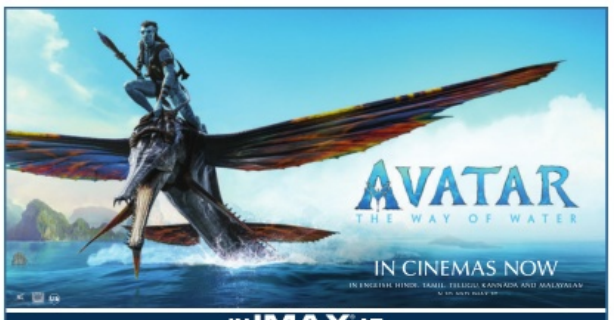
"We have concretised all urban spaces and have over-extracted water from under the ground. Such actions will dwindle the groundwater table in the region. For an efficient recharge of the groundwater table, at least 30-40 per cent of the area should be covered by either vegetation or water bodies. Otherwise, the water table will never get recharged irrespective of high rainfall," said Ramachandra.

> **Construction activities that were put on hold during the pandemic are back in full swing now, affecting the water table** –Dr BC Nagaraja, Bangalore University

Experts also opined that the exploitation of borewells through illegal extraction should be prohibited.

They say it is the indiscriminate digging of borewells and lack of rainwater harvesting facilities that are pushing us towards a bleak future.

"The Karnataka Groundwater Act, 2011 calls for the declaration of existing borewells and tubewells and mandates registration before digging any new borewells. There are rules in place by the Central Ground Water Authority too. However, implementation of these rules is lacking," added Nagaraja.



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In a first-of-its-kind initiative, Bhandary Builders has developed the Sky Villa Mobile App exclusively to cater to the needs of Bhandary Vertica residents. The Mobile App ensures enhanced safety, security, connectivity and amenities for the residents.

The high-end security at Bhandary Vertica would mean that entry is possible only through the security ID or biometric scan of the authorised residents.

Each floor is a private zone for the respective homeowner. The lifts are customised and personalised so that they transport the homeowner directly to the specific floor where his or her house is situated. The occupants of one floor cannot enter another floor unless they are authorised by the homeowner of that floor through the app. Similarly, guests or housekeeping staff too can enter a home only when permitted by the owner through the app.

Visitors and guests entering the villa are required to declare their departure time in advance. In the event of a delay, the app will send an alert message to the security staff and also to the home owner, who has to enter the new departure time of the guest.

Full details about the housekeeping staff will be uploaded in the app. Their movements will be tracked, and they can proceed at every stage after a biometric scan. In the event of any trouble from any housekeeping staff, there is a facility to block them temporarily or permanently.

Through the Sky Villa Mobile App, residents can pay their electricity bill and maintenance fee with a single touch.

The occupants of the house will receive continuous updates on the villament, through notifications.

Where the Sky Isn't the Limit

A climate-controlled ozonated swimming pool is being built on the third floor. This apart, Bhandary Vertica offers a variety of luxury facilities and amenities such as Clubhouse, Badminton Court, Cycling Bay, Walking Track, Gymnasium, Snooker Point, Table Tennis Court, a world class Children's Playground, Steam Bath and Jacuzzi, Joggers Track, Digital Gaming Zone, Video Door Phones, RFID Lift, Sensor Based Lighting, Digital Lock for front door, Electric Charge Points in the Car Park, Mobile Network Booster on every floor, Automatic Entrance Gate, Basketball and Shuttle Court, Fountain, Landscaped Garden, LED Strip Lights for outside ambience and Observation Deck.

Construction work on the project is in full swing and is expected to be completed in 30 months.

Prime Location

Conveniently situated in Pinto's Lane in Kadri Kambla, a verdant, quiet and elite location, with close proximity to reputed educational institutions, parks, healthcare centres, shopping malls, places of worship and public utilities, Bhandary Vertica is an ideal choice for those who opt for premium and luxurious living.

VALET PARKING

For the very first time in Mangaluru, valet parking facility is being provided in this prestigious project. The facility is available from 6 am to 10 pm. As soon as the owner of the home arrives, the staff will park the car at the designated slot. Similarly, at the departure time indicated by the owner in the app, the car will be made available at the building entrance for the convenience of the owner.

EMERGENCY ALERT

In the event of a health emergency, the residents have to just alert the 'Emergency' provision in the app and all entry points will be kept open with the lift too stopping directly at the lobby.

CLEANING FACILITY

In case the owner of a home is abroad or on a vacation or tour and desires the house to be fully or partially cleaned before arrival, this can be mentioned in the app and the housekeeping firm assigned to this project will immediately arrange for the requested service. The firm will be responsible for the safety of all the belongings in the house during the cleaning process.

GEO-FENCING

The entire plot is protected with geo-fencing. In the event of trespassing by any individual or animal, the security personnel are immediately alerted. The geo-fencing also enables the lighting, thermostats, door locks and electronic devices apart from monitoring the security measures like alarms, cameras and fire fighting equipment.

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Onus on BBMP engineers

BBMP ward engineers to see salary cuts in case of failure to restore roads

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From now on, BBMP (Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike) ward engineers will have their salaries deducted if they fail to repair roads after cutting them.

Often when an agency engages in road cutting to lay down utilities, residents suffer from bad roads for months. However, when residents raise the issue with the Palike, they pass the buck to other agencies. In the case of road cutting, the agency is also expected to restore the road at its own expense from April 2022. If they fail to do so, one can hold the ward engineers responsible.

BBMP Chief Commissioner, Tushar Giri Nath told BM, "Since the ward engineers are responsible for ward roads, and major road engineers, for major roads, they are also responsible for the maintenance of those roads. They will be held responsible for road restoration post road cutting. However, ward engineers continue to evade responsibility stating that agencies are cutting the road. We will not excuse this behaviour as road cutting and restoring the road is supposed to take place in the presence of ward engineers. In case of failure to get the work done through the agency, ward engineers will receive a cut in their salary. The concerned ward engineer will have to pay for the road repairs in this case."

BBMP Chief Commissioner Nath clarified that since ward engineers are responsible for ward roads, and major road engineers, major roads, they are also responsible for maintenance of these roads

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> – Tushar Giri Nath, BBMP

Pothole status

Speaking about potholes, Nath added that the pothole filling exercise was almost completed on major roads. They will be crater free by December 31.

"We didn't anticipate the recent bout of heavy rain. Pothole filling is being delayed due to this. The RI division will issue a certification that major roads in eight zones are potholes free. Once we declare an area is declared pothole-free, citizens can challenge it and bring it to our attention. Accordingly, a few more potholes can also be filled daily and engineers are held responsible for maintenance throughout the year. For ward roads, we have asked the division to declare them pothole-free as well," said Nath.

The BBMP will be opening the Fix My Street App to the public by January next year.

"We have good weather right now and can carry out pothole filling effectively. All the roads declared pothole-free will be published on the BBMP website. From January 1, the Fix MY Street app will be open to the public and they bring potholes to our attention. We have also passed an order to bring all the project management consultants to work under Chief Engineer Quality Control," informed BBMP Engineer-in-Chief, BS Prahalad.

The move comes amid citizen allegations of sub-standard work by the Palike.

According to the order passed by Nath on December 15, all the PMCs who have been given tenders for works under 'Chief Minister Amrutha Nag0arothana Yojana' will work under the Chief Engineer of Quality Check-Quality Assurance Department of the BBMP.

According to the CM Amruthana Nagarothana Yojana, the agency will receive Rs 6,000 crore over the period of three years for various works for Bengaluru's infrastructural development and beautification.

Aortic valve troubles octogenarians

Current advances in medicine and increasing awareness and health consciousness of people have led to increased life expectancy in India (70 years). Doctors are now coming across cases where more octogenarians are seen with degenerative aortic valve disease.

Dr Joseph Xavier (Senior Consultant - Chief of Cardio Thoracic and Vascular Surgery, Manipal Hospital Sarjapur) said that in such cases, replacing the diseased valve with an artificial valve without doing an open heart surgery is a big advantage.

This is called trans-catheter aortic valve implantation, TAVI, or replacement TAVR. "In this procedure, we puncture the artery of the leg at the groin with a needle, and through that, we thread a wire going all the way into the heart. Over that wire, we deliver a valve to the correct position, replacing the diseased valve by pushing aside the deceased valve. With the help of advanced technology, doctors can easily determine whether a patient needs an invasive procedure to clear a blocked artery or whether non-invasive treatments, such as medication, will suffice," said Dr Xavier. **BMB**

Pitch Burner's Trophy 2022

The Pitch Burners' Trophy 2022 was recently held at Dug Out stadium in Sarjapur. The cricket tournament was organised with the joint effort of Pavan, Rajit Nair, and Vivek Jayaram. The Flame Boys team won the series by defeating the Fighting Falcons team in the finals. Anil was adjudged as the Man of the Series.

Underwater chronicles

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it was constructed. Even a rainfall of low intensity increases the water level on the inundated street — water reaches the electric junction boxes, posing serious threats," said Kamalika Nandi, a layout resident.

According to the residents, the lake was desilted at the deep end; the silt has piled up on the northern and southern boundaries of the lake. Moreover, the considerable change brought about by the height of the lake weir has started blocking the flow of water.

"The only road that leads to the exit gate of the layout has been flooded for over a year now. I have empty plots around my house — I am cutting through these properties by crossing fences and jumping walls to reach our vehicles that are parked on higher ground nearby," Nandi told BM.

While the residents have reached out to the district commissioner's office and various officials at the gram panchayat level on multiple occasions, the issue remains unresolved. Residents said their layout was surveyed recently by the office of the Assistant Director of Land Records & Survey Settlement (ADLR).

"We have made multiple applications to the district commissioner, but in vain. While the previous DC had to resign as he was embroiled in a scam, the current DC is facing suspension. Thus, our issue is nobody's priority. The officials of Bettahalasooru gram panchayat are least bothered. Though ADLR has given us a clean chit and sent the report to the DC office, no action has been taken so far," said another resident of the layout.

Meanwhile, Bettahalasooru gram panchayat officials said the outlet of the lake is at a higher level which is causing the waterlogging.

The lake rejuvenation project under the CSR initiative was approved by Meenukunte gram panchayat. Residents, based on information received through multiple RTI applications, alleged that there was no Detailed Project Report (DPR) prepared before the project was given a go-ahead by Meenukunte gram panchayat.

When BM reached out to Meenukunte gram panchayat, an official said: "We are aware of the waterlogging. However, it cannot be due to the lake rejuvenation work. There are set standards and procedures laid down for the process; they were followed to the tee."

The layout inhabitants are unsure if the water they are drinking is not contaminated. Apart from health concerns, the residents are worried about the foundations of their houses. Some confirmed water has already started to seep through the walls.

Centre puts focus on genome sequencing

In view of spurt in covid cases around the world, states and UTs have been asked to keep close track of variant

#NEW DELHI

After China reported a surge in the Covid-19 cases, the Centre on Tuesday asked all states to gear up the whole genome sequencing of positive cases to track the new variant.

In a letter to all states and UTs, the Health Ministry has said, "In view of the sudden spurt of cases being witnessed in Japan, United States of America, Republic of Korea, Brazil and China, it is essential to gear up the whole genome sequencing of positive case samples to track the variants through Indian SARS-CoV-2 Genomics Consortium (INSACOG) network."

Health Secretary Rajesh Bhushan, in the letter, has said that such an exercise will enable timely detection of newer variants, if any, circulating in the country and will facilitate undertaking of requisite public health measures for the same.

"In this context, all states are requested to ensure that as far as possible samples of all positive cases, on a daily basis, are sent to the designated INSACOG Genome Sequencing Laboratories (IGSLs) that are mapped to the states and UTs," the Health Ministry has told states.

The 'Operational Guidelines for Revised Surveillance Strategy in context of COVID-19' issued by Union Ministry of Health & Family Welfare in June, 2022 calls for early detection, isolation, testing, and timely management of suspected and confirmed cases to detect and contain outbreaks of new SARS-CoV-2 variants. Therefore, monitoring the trends of existing variants is of crucial importance, reads the letter.

"India with its focus on five-fold strategy of test-track-treat-vaccination and adherence to Covid Appropriate Behaviour has been able to restrict the transmission of Covid-19 virus and is having around 1200 cases on a weekly basis.

The Public Health challenge of Covid-19 still persists around the world with around 35 lakh cases reported weekly," said the health ministry.

The letter reads further that the Health Ministry commends the consistent hard work put in by all states/UTs and will continue to extend required support to all states in this regard. **– IANS**

A health worker holds swab test samples at a Mumbai hospital (File)

PM, Kharge enjoy millet lunch together after dog remark furore

#New Delhi

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday enjoyed a millet lunch at Parliament along with Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge, Rajya Sabha Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and other MPs.

The lunch was hosted by agriculture minister Narendra Tomar to mark Millet Year 2023. The Prime Minister was present at the event for nearly 40 minutes.

"As we prepare to mark 2023 as the International Year of Millets, attended a sumptuous lunch in Parliament where millet dishes were served. Good to see participation from across party lines," PM Modi tweeted along with some pictures of the lunch.

Interestingly, the lunch was hosted conducted after the Parliament was disrupted as the BJP demanded an apology from the Congress over Kahrge's controversial comments Monday while hitting out at the BJP for mocking Rahul Gandhi's Bharat Jodo Yatra as "Bharat todo (Divide India)".

Kharge on Monday said: "We gave freedom to the country and Indira Gandhi and Rajiv Gandhi sacrificed their lives for the unity of the country. Our party leaders gave their lives, what did you (BJP) do? Has even any dog in your house died for the country? Has (someone) made any sacrifice? No." At an Alwar rally, Kharge said his party "won independence for the country", and its leaders like Indira Gandhi and Rajiv Gandhi sacrificed their lives.

The BJP on Tuesday demanded an apology as soon as the session began. "We condemn Mallikarjun Kharge's comments, the way he used offensive language and tried to spread a lie. He should apologise..," said Union Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal in Rajya Sabha. **– ANI**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, with other leaders during the 'International Year of Millets 2023', in New Delhi on Tuesday

'GST compensation of ₹17,176 cr pending to states as on June'

#New Delhi

The government on Tuesday informed Rajya Sabha that GST compensation of Rs 17,176 crore is pending to states as on June 2022.

Replying to supplementaries during the Question Hour, Minister of State for Finance Pankaj Chaudhary said the Centre is giving GST compensation to states for five years.

He said even during Covid times when no GST was collected, the Government of India had given compensation to states after taking loans of Rs 1.1 lakh crore and 1.59 lakh crore during 2020-21 and 2021-22.

"A total of only Rs 17,176 crore GST compensation is pending as on June 2022," the minister told the house. Replying to other queries, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said, "As of now, since we have somewhat cleared all the dues up to June, and about Rs 17,000 crores pending is to be given."

"Details of GST compensation pending for June 2022 for Tamil Nadu is Rs 1200.6148 crores only. Utilisation certificate from a state has not been reached, that cannot be treated as pending one," she told the House.

Responding to another query, she said in 2022-23, education has received more than one lakh crore, and the sector has been given higher priority She also told the House that she and her junior minister were willing to answer any question asked by members, but said "in the process of asking questions, there are panchayats".

Navy gets 5th Scorpene-class submarine Vagir

#New Delhi

The Indian Navy on Tuesday received the fifth scorpene-class submarine Vagir ahead of its planned commissioning next month, officials said.

The induction of the submarine, built under Project-75, is set to bolster the Indian Navy's combat capability at a time when China has been increasing its presence in the Indian Ocean region.

In a related development, 'Arnala', the first of anti-submarine warfare corvette being built by the Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers for the Indian Navy, was launched on Tuesday in Chennai.

India has been focusing on shoring up its maritime capability with a focus on the Indian Ocean in the backdrop of concerns over China's forays into the region. Project-75 includes the indigenous construction of six submarines of Scorpene design. The submarines are being constructed at Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL) in Mumbai in collaboration with the Naval Group of France. "Launched on Nov 12, 2020, Vagir commenced the sea trials from February 1," Navy Spokesperson Commander Vivek Madhwal said. **– PTI**

Banks write off loans worth ₹11.17 lakh crore in last 6 years

#New Delhi

Banks have written off Rs 11.17 lakh crore bad loans from their books in the last six years till financial year 2021-22, Parliament was informed on Tuesday.

The non-performing assets (NPAs), including those in respect of which full provisioning has been made on completion of four years, are removed from the balance sheet of the bank concerned by way of write-off, Minister of State for Finance Bhagwat Karad said in a written reply.

Banks write off NPAs as part of their regular exercise to clean up their balance sheet, avail tax benefit and optimise capital, he said, adding, the write-off is carried out by the banks in accordance with RBI guidelines and policy approved by their boards.

"As per RBI data, public sector banks (PSBs) and scheduled commercial banks (SCBs) wrote off an aggregate amount of Rs 8,16,421 crore and Rs 11,17,883 crore respectively during the last six financial years," he said.

With regard to the list, including names of write-offs/defaulters who have defaulted more than Rs 1 crore to the public sector banks, RBI has informed that borrower-wise information on written off loan accounts is not maintained by it, he said.

In reply to another question, Karad said, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has informed that the total number of wilful defaulters each having outstanding loan of Rs 25 lakh and above in public sector banks was 8,045 as on June 30, 2017 and 12,439 as on June 30, 2022; whereas in private sector bank, it was 1,616 as on June 30, 2017 and 2,447 as on June 30, 2022. **– PTI**

AI image app Lensa helps some trans people to embrace themselves

BE YOURSELF

When Junia Joplin tried out Lensa – a popular app that generates stylised images based on photographs – she saw a version of herself that had never existed but made perfect sense. Joplin, who started transitioning as a transgender woman five years ago at age 39, said setting the app to create female images from her teenage snapshots had helped her to feel more at ease with her past. "It was moving. Some of them looked so realistic," Joplin, an associate pastor from Toronto, told the Thomson Reuters Foundation.

"So many of my memories don't make sense, like I'm a woman who's had a bunch of memories of some man's life imprinted on her consciousness," said Joplin.

"But seeing 'young June', it became easier to envision myself as a young girl."

Lensa, made by California-based Prisma Labs, uses artificial intelligence (AI) for its "Magic Avatars" feature that generates a selection of original portraits and cartoons based on photos. The app asks users to upload a selection of pictures of themselves and choose whether their avatars should be shown as male, female or other.

The resulting stylised, brightly coloured, and sometimes scantily clad images have been plastered over social media feeds in recent weeks. Lensa has drawn criticism - some users have complained that their avatars are sexualised with big breasts and little clothing, or that they reflect racial stereotypes.

Prisma Labs said Lensa results sometimes reflect biases in the millions of images that the app is trained on, despite developers' efforts to screen them out. This month, the firm updated the app to better filter out explicit image results.

But for some trans and non-binary people who struggle with gender dysphoria - or a mismatch between their gender identity and their body - the app can be affirming. "I suffer from dysphoria around parts of my body that could be perceived as 'male'," said Abbie Zeek, 27, a trans stage manager for a theatre company in Australia.

Zeek sent her Lensa generated results to a friend, asking if the images were true to life.

GENDER DIVERSITY

Advancements in AI that uses existing text, audio files, images and videos to create new content are becoming increasingly realistic and more widespread.

However, some users said tools like Lensa may still not provide representation for users who reject the boundaries of binary gender.

Philip Li, an artist and performer who goes by the stage name Le Fil, selected the "other" gender option. Li identifies as non-binary, meaning they do not see themselves as either male or female, and uses the pronouns they and them.

However, Lensa's AI added breasts to their images.

Li, who is British-Chinese, also said the pictures failed to capture their face accurately but followed stereotypes of small Asian women by softening their jaw and thinning their limbs.

> **"Current artificial intelligence and machine learning systems possess none of these qualities, they are just good statistical mimics**

"In most of the images, the face was quite distorted, as if it didn't know what to make of me - one image was a severed torso," they said. "The images were mainly terrible in their likeness."

Li and others raised concerns that AI apps can create unattainable beauty standards for young users. These idealised images of femininity can be particularly harmful for trans women by adding to pressure to "pass" as a woman without any question mark over their gender, Li added. "Every stage of the trans journey is just as valid," they said.

WORKFORCE DIVERSITY

Art-making algorithms are trained by scanning pre-existing images which they can then copy and remix. Lensa's Magic Avatars learns from more than 5 billion images scraped from user-generated platforms, stock image sites, and works by famous artists.

"We value art and creativity because it requires authenticity, originality, often great skill and virtuosity, deep human insight," said Jon McCormack, a computer science professor at Australia's Monash University.

"Current artificial intelligence and machine learning systems possess none of these qualities, they are just good statistical mimics."

AI image-generating companies can ensure wider and more realistic representation across age, body type, gender, and other demographics by filtering the images they learn from, said McCormack.

Even then, it could prove difficult to avoid stereotypes - some genres such as fantasy often include gendered stereotypes and sexualised images of women, said McCormack.

– Adam Smith for Reuters

Unique Hero No. 1 model of Spielberg's ET fetches USD 2.56 m at auction in the US

A mechanical model used as the ET character in the 1982 eponymously named Steven Spielberg film from 1982 was sold for USD 2.56 million in the US recently, the Wall Street Journal (WSJ) reported.

The unique mechatronic model for Spielberg's famed ET or Extra-Terrestrial, was sold for USD 2.56 million, headlining a 1,300-lot sale of Hollywood relics, the WSJ said.

The "Hero No. 1" model for ET was created in 1981 by the late Carlo Rambaldi, an Italian-born special effects designer and mechatronics expert, WSJ said. He won three Academy Awards for best visual effects for films including King Kong (1977), Alien (1979), and ET. The auction by Julien's Auctions and Turner Classic Movies was held in Beverly Hills, California on Sunday (local time).

Mechatronics is an interdisciplinary branch of engineering, which integrates mechanical, electrical, electronic engineering, robotics, telecommunications, systems, control, and product engineering.

Predating modern computer-generated imagery (CGI) technology and effects, the model "actor" features 85 points of movement that brought ET to life in the classic science fiction film, which held the record for the highest-grossing film for 11 years until Spielberg's own Jurassic Park surpassed it in 1993, according to WSJ.

Considered an engineering masterpiece, the article noted that the model was offered with an estimated value of between USD 2 and 3 million. The final sale price was within the range. The model, with other photos, drawings, and memorabilia from Rambaldi's career, will be on exhibit at Cineteca Milano-Museo Interattivo del Cinema (MIC) in Milan, Italy, until January 2023. **ANI**

BITS & BYTES

PIXEL TABLET SECRETS LEAKED

Tech giant Google's upcoming 'Pixel Tablet' and its charging speaker dock have been leaked on Facebook Marketplace, a destination on Facebook where people can buy and sell items.

The unreleased Pixel Tablet has a similar screen setup as the Pixel 7 and Pixel 7 Pro's Feathers collection, reports Gizmochina. The leak of the Google Pixel Tablet showed what it looked like its default application setup. It showed the tablet-optimised Pixel Launcher home screen with the search bar present above default applications. The applications include Gmail, YouTube, Chrome and Photos, and the last two slots were suggestions.

The 256GB variant was shown on the Facebook Marketplace with an estimated battery life of about 16 hours at 70 per cent. **–IANS**

REMOVABLE BATTERY

The European Union (EU) has now agreed on new laws and regulations aimed at making batteries more sustainable and reusable which might force smartphone makers to bring back removable batteries, the media reported.

This move comes after making USB Type-C charging ports mandatory on all smartphones, tablets, and laptops.

According to SamMobile, as the new laws cover the entire battery life cycle, the new regulation will present a new set of challenges to consumer tech firms and battery manufacturers. The entire life cycle of a battery includes material extraction, industrial production, and disposal.

The new EU law will apply to all types of batteries sold in the EU, including those used in electric vehicles (EVs). **– IANS**

MASTODON A HIT

Decentralised social media platform Mastodon has reached over 2 million subscribers after Elon Musk took over the micro-blogging platform Twitter.

Mastodon has jumped from approximately 300K monthly active users to 2.5 mn, which includes journalists, political figures, writers, actors and organisations, between October and November, it said in a blogpost on Monday.

On December 16, Twitter suspended Mastodon's @joinmastodon account after it shared a link to the newly-registered Mastodon account of @ElonJet, an account that broadcasts public flight path data of Elon Musk's private jet, which was suspended from the micro-blogging platform. The platform also received reports that users were unable to tweet links to any Mastodon servers. **–IANS**

HEALTH TIP: Kidney beans contain phosphorus, which keeps bones healthy, so important in osteoporosis and arthritis

Tea and coffee both contain biologically active compounds called polyphenols and phytoestrogens which may help to maintain bone health

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In working condition

Beyond buzz, what 'silent quitting' reveals

Last September, the Gallup polling institute suggested that 50% of full-time or part-time employees over the age of 18 in the United States would be "quiet quits", which would designate people who "don't outdo themselves at work and just fit their job description."

Immediately, the term "quiet quitting" imposed itself in the public debate.

It remains too early to measure precisely and with a reliable methodology the realities behind this word. However, the appearance of this "buzzword" remains interesting because it signals a form of concern on the part of employers regarding the consent of their employees to engage in their work as much as they would like, in the extension of the "big quit".

An old concern

This concern with regard to employees who would limit themselves to the minimum is also very old. More than a century ago, the work of Frederick Taylor, father of the scientific organisation of work, was already aimed at flushing out and suppressing the "systematic loitering" of workers.

As such, quiet quitting can evoke notions in the sociology of work and organisations such as:

Work to rule, which consists of doing only what is prescribed and scrupulously respecting the rules. However, as ergonomics has clearly shown, the gap between the prescribed work and the actual work is necessary for the smooth running of the activity. When no one deviates from the prescribed so that "it works", neither individually nor collectively, nothing is possible.

Braking, that is to say the voluntary limitation of production. As the sociologist Donald Roy showed, in a now classic study carried out in the mechanical workshop of a large American factory, the workers could do more.

The withdrawal, In the typology of models of sociability at work by French sociologist Renaud Sainsaulieu, this identity refers to employees who are not very professionally involved for the benefit of their personal sphere, in particular to cope with a lack of prospects and recognition.

Apathy, which designates a posture towards work that the Belgian economist Guy Bajoit added to the famous typology of reactions to Albert Hirschmann's discontent (exit, voice, loyalty) and could be similar to quiet quitting in to the extent that it causes a "deterioration of cooperation".

In the book Working in the 21st Century (Éditions Laffont, 2015), we have shown that it is a question of doing the minimum expected of the position, to protect oneself from deep disappointment with regard to a job to which one was initially very attached.

Thus, Nadine, a nurse at the hospital, deplores the excessive cut that has been made between them and the doctors, relegating them to the rank of "technicians".

For her, apathy has become a defence mechanism since she feels she can no longer "take initiatives". However, forcing oneself into an apathetic functioning is not always enough to make suffering at work bearable.

For Florence, a manager in a mutual insurance company, who has experienced many mergers and rationalisations of an activity that she no longer supports, apathy is accompanied by taking medication:

Ask for meaning

The resignation rate, i.e. the number of employees who resign compared to the total number of employees, was 2.7% in the first quarter of 2022 . This rate is high but not unprecedented if we go back to the financial crisis of 2008. This is an indicator that usually falls during crises and rises with recoveries.

For the vast majority of employees, resignation is therefore not an option to cope with a job that would no longer have meaning or whose working conditions would be too harsh.

However, according to the Direction of the animation of research, studies and statistics (Dares), the attachment to the meaning of work progressed at the height of health constraints. In January 2021, almost 20% of working people said they felt a greater sense of purpose or pride in their work, while 10% of them indicated on the contrary a deterioration in the meaning of work.

The health crisis and its confinements have thus been able to allow workers to take a step back from the conditions and meaning of work.

Note that the meaning of work is an old concern. Indeed, the major international surveys that have been conducted since the 1980s show more broadly that the French attach great importance to work as an activity that provides income and dignity.

In 2015, a survey by the Center for Studies and Research on Qualifications (Cereq) also showed that 33% of employees wanted to change jobs for reasons that always combine meaning and working conditions.

The least qualified employees and workers highlight their desire to escape precariousness, linked for example to the prospect of a job protection plan or to an untenable situation of multiple employers.

For employees and skilled workers, the desire for change also responds to a desire to distance precariousness and the fear of downgrading, but the latter also declare a refusal of repetitive and arduous tasks, or even their desire to better reconcile lives.

Finally, managers and intermediate professions also underline the fear of losing their job but also underline the gap between their personal aspirations and the meaning of their professional activity, as well as certain ethical conflicts.

In reality, for all socio-professional categories, the question very often arises in terms of health, whether physical or mental.

Thus, the "silent resignation" is probably not the cold and deliberate choice of maximising individuals but would rather be the spontaneous establishment of a defense mechanism when the work is no longer tenable. Defense mechanism to mitigate the feeling of absurdity, the lack of recognition whether it comes from colleagues, superiors or whether it is salary, that is, in terms of value sharing.

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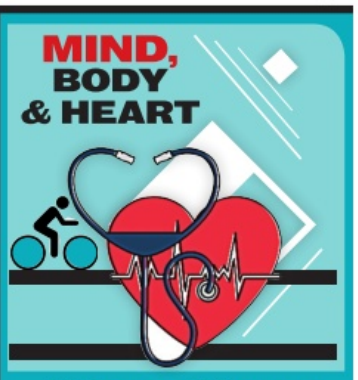
Hard work

As Marx reminds us, in the Grundrisse or Foundations of the Critique of Political Economy, in a world where workers are "free" to sell their labor power, the question of cooperation imposes itself as the foundation of the system of production.

It could therefore be that notions such as quiet quitting or big quitting are essential today because they reflect a concern about the maintenance of modes of cooperation and therefore the willingness of the labor force to collaborate in the current labor regime.

This would then be an opportunity to better recognise that the proper functioning of organizations depends on what workers do in addition to what is contractually expected of them, and those in all trades and socio-professional categories, from workers to executives.

(By Maelezig Bigi:Researcher affiliated with the Center for Employment and Labor Studies, The Conversation)



All problems solved

Dear Coleen

I'm a married woman in my thirties and I don't have kids. Most of my social life revolves around work and I often go out drinking with my colleagues in the evening. I started getting to know a slightly younger guy who works in a different department. We hit it off and started having an affair. My husband never questioned as he is used to me working long hours. Anyway, now I'm regretting everything. I was only ever in this affair for fun and sex, and I thought my colleague was, too. However, when I tried to break it off, he got really mad, saying he'd fallen in love with me and I'd led him to believe I had feelings for him. He keeps texting and calling me. He also said he felt like telling my husband about our affair, so now I'm out of my mind with stress.

COLEEN SAYS

Well you obviously didn't think about how things might play out when you got into this affair for fun and sex. If you think he's being serious about telling your husband, then maybe the best thing to do is tell your husband yourself. At least that way you can be in control of explaining what happened and why you did it. And why you did it is the important bit – you have to be honest with yourself and your hubby about what led you to the affair and what isn't working in your marriage. I don't think it was just a bit of fun – affairs are usually a symptom of a deeper problem that hasn't been addressed. Are you bored? Do you not feel loved by your husband? Has sex gone off the boil? Even if you decide not to admit to the affair, you have to confront the issues in your marriage and talk to your husband. If you want the marriage to survive you need to put in effort to make it fun.

—Coleen Nolan, Daily Mirror

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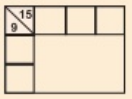
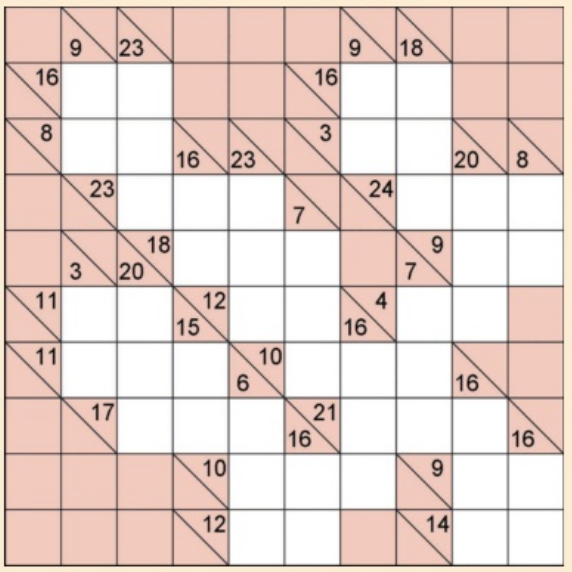
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas



for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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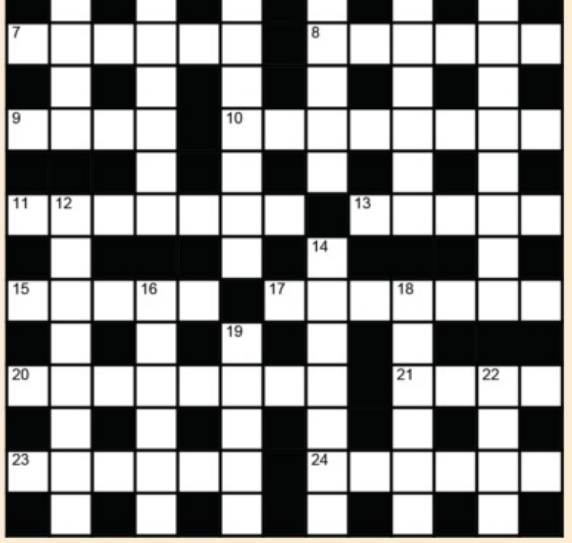


ACROSS

7 Electric generator (6)
8 Scolded or reproved (6)
9 College official (4)
10 Ideas or views (8)
11 Dangerous part of the swimming pool? (4-3)
13 One of the constellations (5)
15 Inebriated (5)
17 Clubs (7)
20 Governor of Karnataka from 2009 to 2014 (8)
21 It belongs to us - and turns "sour"? (4)
23 Puts in a bind (6)
24 Subside, yield to pressure? (4,2)

DOWN

1 Jekyll's alter ego (4)
2 Brief sleep (6)
3 __ down : making a note of? (7)
4 Thespian (5)
5 Entertainer (6)
6 List of tenants? (4-4)
12 Descriptive phrases (8)
14 Topic (7)
16 Book on plants (6)
18 Rut or furrow (6)
19 An unforeseen development (5)
22 Devastation (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: R EQUALS D

RFM'W EF QPFDMR KQTYME WJO NFPCR FNOK TFD Q CYUYME. WJO NFPCR FNOK TFD MFWJYME. YW NQK JOPO SYPKW.

Linemaro

Excuse me, I think I dropped something... .my jaw!

Mindchow

To the well-organised mind, death is but the next great adventure

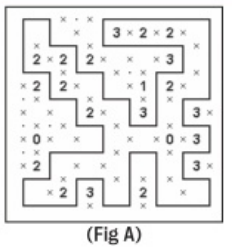
Joke of the day

Titanic virus: Makes your whole computer go down; Disney virus: Everything in the computer goes Goofy; Mike Tyson virus: Quits after one byte.

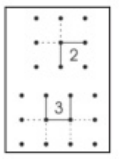
Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



(Fig A)

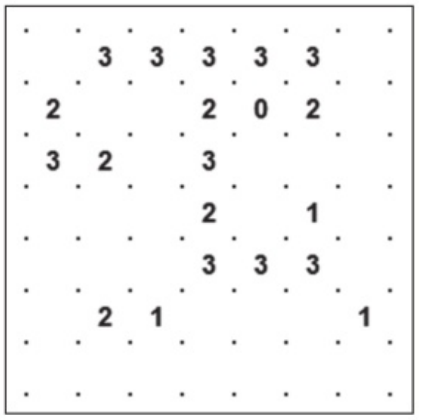


(Fig B) Not Allowed

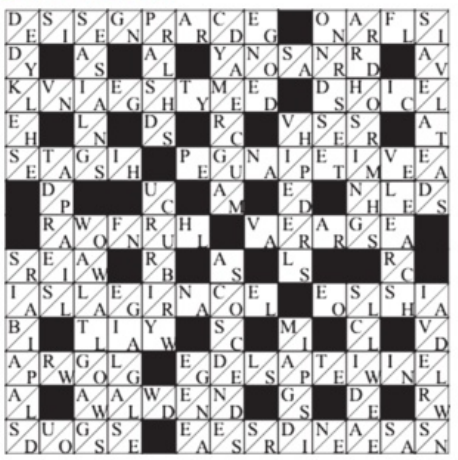
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



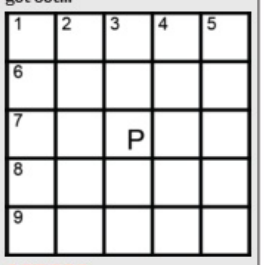
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

1 Tabor; 6 Rider;
7 Plame; 8 Spiel;
9 Stint

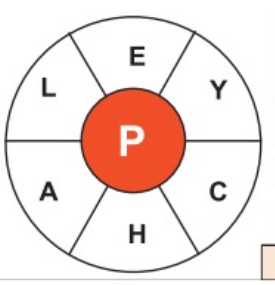
DOWN

1 Pad at; 2 I'm lib;
3 Or nip; 4 T reel;
5 Rests

Mensapuzzle

Draw the missing figure in the above sequence.

Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

14 Average; **16** Good; **18** Outstanding

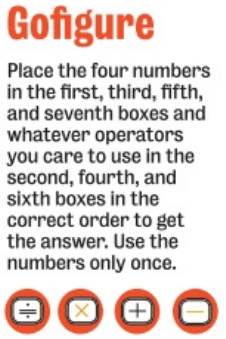
SudokuChallenge

3				7				4
	4						6	
8			4		2			3
9	2		5	4	3		1	8
6	3		7	8	1		2	9
7			6		5			1
	9						4	
5				1				7

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.



Easy = 21
2 6 8 9

Medium = 4
2 3 3 4

Hard = 5
1 5 7 4

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

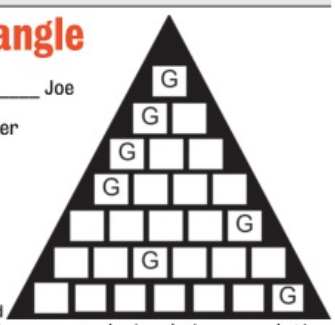
Differences: 1. Door is narrower. 2. Window is smaller. 3. Left arm is not showing. 4. Pencil cup is moved. 5. Chair leg is moved. 6. Plant leaf is moved.

Riddler

The world's greatest healer, and executioner too. Whole nations have I toppled, and civilizations slew. The strongest in the universe, for none can me withstand. Transforming islands into oceans, and oceans into land. Equated oft with riches -- an understatement dire, For I have no limitations, and see every funeral pyre. What am I?

Alpha triangle

1 1000 colloquially
2 American soldier ____ Joe
3 Go away!
4 Heart of the matter
5 The Police singer
6 Gold bars
7 Compering



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

COMICS

Redeye by Mel Casson

THANKS, MEDICINE MAN.. HOW MUCH DO I OWE YOU?
THAT'S OKAY. JUST FORGET IT!
SCREECH
STICK OUT YOUR TONGUE AND SAY "AH"!
Yates Casson
10-4

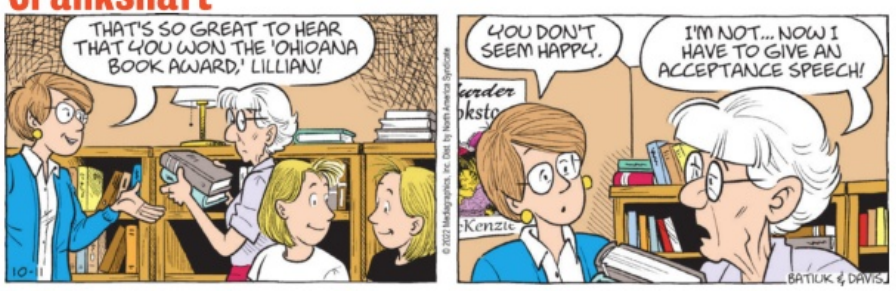
Bizarrotrip

Diamond Lil

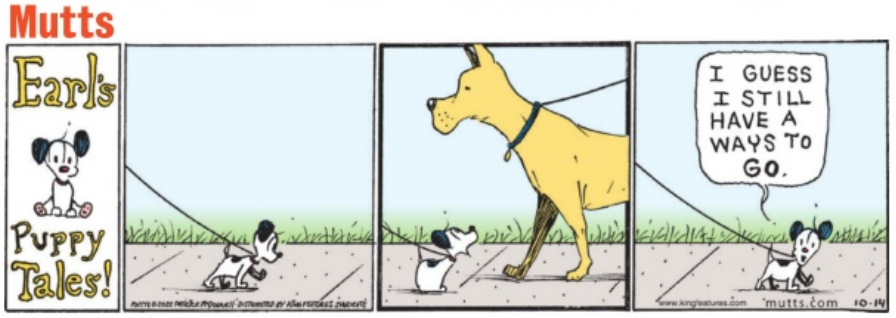
Hart of the city

IT'S TIME TO GO OVER THE EVIDENCE.
THE PIECES OF PLASTIC, THE BATTERY PACK, THE RANSOM NOTE, THE RECEIPT, AND GLUE I FOUND IN ALYSSA'S ROOM.
I THINK I KNOW WHO STOLE ALYSSA'S MICROPHONE.
MOM, I THINK THE CALL IS COMING FROM INSIDE THE HOUSE.
BEEP!
BEEP!
THEN GO ANSWER IT!

Crankshaft


THAT'S SO GREAT TO HEAR THAT YOU WON THE 'OHIOANA BOOK AWARD,' LILLIAN!
YOU DON'T SEEM HAPPY.
I'M NOT... NOW I HAVE TO GIVE AN ACCEPTANCE SPEECH!
BATIUK & DAVIS

Mutts



WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today you may be enthusiastic. Your focus towards your goals may be very good. You may easily achieve your targets. You are likely to go for short work-related trips which may give you benefits in the near future. Your subordinate staff may help you to complete an important project. Disputes with siblings may be resolved.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today you are blessed by the moon. You will plan to invest more capital into your family business. This may lead to it seeing a boost. You may expect some rewards due to your social services. Expect to hear some good news in your family. This will create a joyful environment around you. You may also enjoy some delicious food.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today you may feel happy. Your health is also good, which may give you inner strength and self confidence. Your subconscious mind may not allow you to manipulate a messy task. Your social prestige may be increased. With the help of your experience, you could start some new innovative task.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today you may be unhappy and disappointed. You are advised to control your arrogance, otherwise you may face some losses due to your way of speaking. You are advised to avoid long trips and rash driving. You should keep yourself away from bay areas or oceans.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today there may be peace in your mind. Your earnings may boost your financial health. You may enjoy romantic moments with your spouse, which may enhance harmony in the family life. Singles may be likely to find a suitable match. You will get ample opportunities at work. You may notice some progress in your life.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today you may be able to implement your plans with the help of your strong network at work. You are likely to get a big order with the help of your hard work. There may be good understanding between you and your spouse, which may increase harmony in your domestic life. Your boss may appreciate your hard work.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today you are blessed by the moon. Last days' messy situation is under control. You may reinitiate your postponed tasks. You may get rewards for your hard work. There are some gains in your business which may boost your financial health. You may expect some unexpected opportunities, which may increase your business. You may also plan for overseas travel.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today you may not feel well. You might have health issues. This may affect your professional and domestic life. You are likely to be upset due to your spouses' health issues. Your patience may be tested many times. You are advised not to make investments in new business projects, otherwise you may face losses. Students are advised to avoid day dreaming.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today you are blessed by the moon and may be able to take quick decisions on the professional front. You can expect to get new opportunities in terms of business, which may boost your confidence levels. You are likely to start some new innovation with the help of your business partner, which may grow your business in the near future.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today you are blessed by the positive moon. You may feel healthy and chronic health issues may be cured now. Your kids' health may be fine as well. Your money which was stuck somewhere is likely to be recovered. You may also repay your debt.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today you are blessed by the moon. This may give you peace of mind. You may become decisive, so you may grab any opportunity without a second thought. Experience may help you to sustain tough situations and show you the right path. Lovebirds may enjoy happy moments. Job aspirants may get a suitable job with the help of friends.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today you may feel dull. Detachment from responsibilities can make you upset. You may not be able to fulfil your commitments, which may affect your prestige. You may be a victim of arrogance. It may affect both your professional and domestic life. You may internally feel a lack of confidence, which may stop you from something creative at work.

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SOLUTIONS

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RIDDLER
Time

STRIKE OUT

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FAST FIVE

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P	L	I	E	S
T	I	N	T	S

QUOTE UNCODE
Don't go around saying the world owes you a living. The world owes you nothing. It was here first.

BULL'S EYE
cape, chapel, cheap, CHEAPLY, clap, heap, help, hype, leap, pace, pale, peach, peachy, peal, place, play, plea, yelp

MENSA PUZZLE
Lines are added vertically then horizontally alternately.

SUDOKU

3	5	2	1	7	6	8	9	4
1	4	9	3	5	8	7	6	2
8	7	6	4	9	2	1	5	3
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4	1	8	2	6	9	3	7	5
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2	9	1	8	3	7	5	4	6
5	6	3	9	1	4	2	8	7

ALPHA TRIANGLE
G, Gi, Git, Gist, Sting, Ingots, Hosting.

LOOP

GO FIGURE
Easy
6 + 9 − 2 + 8 = 21
Hard
4 + 7 − 1 − 5 = 5
2 + 3 + 5 − 4 = 4
Medium

KAKURO

16	7	9		16	9	7		
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Saudi sojourn

Shwetha Prasad, a well-known small as well as silver screen actress, is elated about being chosen as a guest of the Saudi Arabia Tourism Department Authority from Karnataka. Shwetha, known as Radha Miss, spoke to BM after a six-day tour of Saudi Arabia.

"I am happy to be selected as a celebrity from Karnataka. I am the first from the state to get this privilege. I do hope more actors from Karnataka get this chance," says Shwetha.

Elaborating on her stay in Saudi Arabia, Shwetha said she dug into vegetarian food. "There are many options for vegetarians. They eat three types of leafy vegetables during lunch or dinner. It is similar to Kashmiri cuisine," she said.

The actress said she visited many heritage sites in Saudi Arabia. "I visited Riyadh, AlUla, and Jeddah cities. I also to interacted with people in Saudi Arabia. Most of them know of Bengaluru," she said.

A different flavour

Director-cum-actor Varun Kattimani is bullish about his latest movie Bayaluseeme. Varun debuted as a director with the film Kempu Deepa that was made in seven days. His latest movie is about the lifestyle of people in Bayaluseeme in Karnataka. Districts such as Bagalkot, Bijapur, Chitradurga, Davangere, Dharwad, Gadag, Hassan, Haveri are considered as part of Bayaluseeme.

"It is the first Kannada movie to showcase the lives of people in North Karnataka. Some dialogues with North," said Varun. Varun also plays the lead in the film. "Shooting is over and preparations are on to release it shortly," he said.

He said the speciality of the film is that it showcases the customs and living standards of people. "It also showcases how people treat crime. The movie is highly entertaining too," he said, adding that the movie also focuses on weaver families.

Share the joy

Tabu believes entire team of a film is part of its success story

Tabu who's been in the industry for over three decades, continues to be in top form even today. She's considered one of the best actresses of Hindi cinema with a number of interesting films to her credit. The year 2022 hasn't been very good for the Hindi film industry as we've hardly got any big hits post pandemic. In such a scenario, Tabu had two releases this year - 'Bhool Bhulaiyaa 2' and 'Drishyam 2' - both turned out to be blockbusters.

Up next on Tabu's sleeve is 'Kuttey' and at the trailer launch event of the film today, the actress spoke on the success of both her films this year. She said, "I feel it's the entire film's success, rather than just one person's success. I have been an important part of both the films but the success and joy is shared with everybody who is involved in the film."

Tabu further said, "There is tremendous happiness for the film and what the film has achieved and for everybody involved in the film, because everybody works hard for the film. And everybody deserves a share of the success. I feel I've fulfilled a huge responsibility if the film has done well, because I was a part of them."

Tabu will also be teaming up with her 'Drishyam 2' co-star Ajay Devgn again in 'Bholaa'. Meanwhile, 'Kuttey; is her first release next year. The film will release on January 13. It also stars Arjun Kapoor, Naseeruddin Shah, Kumud Mishra, Radhika Madan and Konkona Sen Sharma. The film will mark the directorial debut of Vishal Bhardwaj's son, Aasman.

—ETimes

Travel allowance

Jacqueline Fernandez appeared in Delhi's Patiala House Court today in connection with the Rs 200 crore money laundering involving conman Sukesh Chandrashekhar. The actor has submitted an application seeking permission to travel abroad amid the ongoing investigation. As mentioned in the application, Jacqueline has to travel to Bahrain on December 23.

The court has reportedly directed the application to Enforcement Directorate (ED) who is yet to reply in the matter. "Actor Jacqueline Fernandes moves an application seeking permission to travel to Bahrain from December 23. The court directed ED to file a reply and listed the matter for December 22," tweeted ANI.

The court has also allowed the ED to take possession of 26 cars attached from actress Leena Maria Paul, in connection with the money laundering case, ANI stated.

Alia deserved more credit: Vidya

Women-centric movies have seen a rise over the years and various stereotypes have been broken in the last few years. Having said that, there are still certain old notions attached to it. Vidya Balan is sort of known as the flag-bearer of female-driven films which did phenomenal at the box-office with films like 'The Dirty Picture' and 'Kahaani'.

The actress, in an interview with Film Companion, Vidya opened up about the gender disparity. Vidya said Alia Bhatt wasn't praised after the success of 'Gangubai Kathiawadi' the way majority of male actors are praised, when they deliver a hit. On the other hand, heaps of praises were showered on Sanjay Leela Bhansali. Vidya added that it's ridiculous that when a woman's film does well, the director gets all the credit.

Vidya also said women worked so hard to get the standing which they have today. It's bad that just because men's films aren't working, they say that female films will not work further more. It's not true because 'Gangubai Kathiawadi' did better than most male-driven films this year.

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